

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
JANUARY 3, 2012**

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Absent
City Attorney William Shaneyfelt	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. Six of the seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz invited all present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Purpose. The purpose of the special meeting was to make certain appointments.

Attorney contract. Mayor Seitz asked permission to enter into a contract for services with Shaneyfelt and Bohnenkemper for temporary legal services.

A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to approve a contract for an attorney on a temporary basis.

Under discussion Council member Randall Buchta asked what is meant by temporary. Mayor Seitz said there is no definite date but is not looking at making it all year. Buchta said the reason we went to a full time attorney was because of the expense per hour. Buchta recommended approving the contract for three months and then reviewing it. Mayor Seitz said they are also looking at including a not-to-exceed clause. Buchta said the council has not seen a contract and we are acting on the motion that was made. Council member David Prechtel said he would like to amend his motion. Council member Gregory Schnarr asked if there

was a draft contract. William Shaneyfelt said he has a draft but has not shown it to the Mayor. He said it includes \$120 per hour and a not-to-exceed monthly amount. He was going to suggest including language that either party can terminate the contract with a 30-day notice. He said they can also make it for three months. Shaneyfelt said they wanted to address two concerns, not to break the budget for legal services and try to have services more like a full time nature. We feel with two of us we can provide services on a full time level. Council member Randall Buchta said he received a call from an attorney who is looking at returning to Jasper.

Thereafter, Council member David Prechtel amended his **motion** to hire Shaneyfelt and Bohnenkemper for a period of ninety days with a thirty-day option out for both parties. Council member Earl Schmitt seconded the amended motion. The motion carried 6-0.

President pro tempore. Mayor Seitz said the council needs to appoint a president pro tempore.

A **motion** was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to appoint Council member Thomas Schmidt president pro tempore. Council member David Prechtel then made a counter motion to appoint Council member Kevin Manley as the president pro tempore. This motion failed for a lack of a second. Mayor Seitz then called for the vote to appoint Thomas Schmidt. That motion carried 6-0.

Appointments made by the Council. Council member Thomas Schmidt said the following people have been asked to serve as the council appointee on the following boards:

Jasper Community Arts Commission-4 years	Robin Norris
Plan Commission-4 years	Kevin Manley
Redevelopment Commission-1 year	John Schroeder and Ray Howard
Utility Service Board-4 years	Doug Schulte
Board of Zoning Appeals-4 years	Bob Cook
DC Solid Waste District-1 year	Randall Buchta

A **motion** was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randall Buchta to approve the appointments as listed. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief of Police change. Attorney Shaneyfelt said when there is a change in department heads, the Mayor must notify the Council in writing of such a change.

Mayor Seitz then read the following letter that he distributed to each Council member; “As Mayor of Jasper, I have removed Doug Tarvin as Chief of Police and intend to appoint J. Michael Bennett as Chief of Police. This action was taken to provide the city with a new direction of leadership.”

Appointments made by the Mayor. For the record, Mayor Seitz announced his appointees to various Boards.

Board of Public Works and Safety	David Prechtel and Tim Bell
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Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Jasper Community Arts Commission
Dubois County Tourism

Economic Development Commission
Hospital Authority
IN 15 Regional Planning Commission
Jasper City Park and Recreation Board
Jasper Partnership Commission
Plan Commission
Redevelopment Commission

Storm Water Management Board
Utility Subcommittee-Gas
Utility Subcommittee-Electric
Utility Subcommittee-Wastewater
Utility Subcommittee-Water
Economic Development Commission-joint appt

Barbara Leinenbach
Becky Hickman
Robert Ruckriegel and
Jacqueline Bolton
Jim Skillman
Pete Gerber and James DeMotte
Gregory Schnarr
Dana Schnarr
Kim Lottes and Stan Jochum
Ben Krapf and Cindy Laake
John Kahle, John Bell, and
Rick Stradtner
Roger Messmer
Ray Howard
Earl Schmitt
Gregory Schnarr
Kevin Manley
Robert Whitten Jr.

Mayor-Council joint appointment. A motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to appoint with the mayor Robert Whitten Jr. to the Economic Development Commission. Motion carried 6-0.

Deputy Attorney. Attorney Shaneyfelt said as head of the legal department he is going to appoint Sharon Bohnenkemper as the deputy attorney to assist him. He then introduced Bohnenkemper who was in attendance.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member Randy Buchta to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved ____ with X without correction or clarification this 18th day of January, 2012.

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

**Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer**